

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Examiner-Initiated Interview Summary</b></p>	<p><b>Application No.</b> 10/582,113</p>	<p><b>Applicant(s)</b> FUCHS ET AL.</p>	
	<p><b>Examiner</b> ANA M. FORTUNA</p>	<p><b>Art Unit</b> 1797</p>	

**All Participants:**

(1) ANA M. FORTUNA.

(2) John Miller.

**Date of Interview:** 30 July 2010

**Type of Interview:**

☒ Telephonic

☐ Video Conference

☐ Personal (Copy given to: ☐ Applicant ☐ Applicant's representative)

**Exhibit Shown or Demonstrated:** ☐ Yes ☐ No

If Yes, provide a brief description: \_\_\_\_\_

**Status of Application:** \_\_\_\_\_

(3) \_\_\_\_\_

(4) \_\_\_\_\_

**Time:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Part I.**

Rejection(s) discussed:

*rejection of claims 14, 21, and 26.*

Claims discussed:

*14, 21, 26.*

Prior art documents discussed:

*Art of record.*

**Part II.**

SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW DESCRIBING THE GENERAL NATURE OF WHAT WAS DISCUSSED:

*See Continuation Sheet*

**Part III.**

☐ It is not necessary for applicant to provide a separate record of the substance of the interview, since the interview directly resulted in the allowance of the application. The examiner will provide a written summary of the substance of the interview in the Notice of Allowability.

☐ It is not necessary for applicant to provide a separate record of the substance of the interview, since the interview did not result in resolution of all issues. A brief summary by the examiner appears in Part II above.

/ANA M FORTUNA/  
Primary Examiner, Art Unit 1797

(Applicant/Applicant's Representative Signature – if appropriate)

Continuation of Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was discussed: Claim 14 was discussed with respect to a ledge plurality of elements in the system, the term "at least one" as open to more than one filtration device, when Fig. 1 only shows one filter, the figures do not provide bases for more than one vessel that is covered by the claim, or for connecting multiple vessels or filter units in series. A proposed amendment was discussed to correct the claim and insert the limitations of the opening in communication with the fluid in the feed distribution space, the position of the feed distribution space with respect to the vessel according to the specification, paragraph [0010]. Claim 21 is depending on claim 14, and carries the same uncertainties as claim 14. Claim 26 also refers to the "at least one vessel and at least one permeate space, therefore carries the same uncertainties to claim 14. We did not agree on amending the claims. As the rejection is therefore maintained.